

SQM2007 – International Conference on Strangeness in Quark Matter
Levoča, Slovakia, 24-29 June 2007

Second Announcement

The International Conference on Strangeness in Quark Matter 2007 (SQM2007) will be held from 24 to 29 June at the congress hall of a cultural centre in a small medieval town Levoča (north-eastern Slovakia). The main organizing institutions are the Institute of Experimental Physics of the Slovak Academy of Science and Faculty of Science of the P.J. Šafárik University in Košice. The conference will focus on the recent theoretical and experimental progress in understanding the production of strange and heavy flavour (charm, beauty) quarks in high-energy nuclear collisions. The arrival of participants is expected on Saturday 23 June, the conference will end at about noon on Friday, 29 June. Organizing committee, thanks to kind support of the conference by CERN, Prešov self-governing region, Slovak physical society and others, is able to grant fully or partly the participation to a number of students and young researchers.

Programme of the conference

The first day of conference (24 June) will be devoted to a student and post-doctoral symposium „*Symposium for Students from Students*“. This symposium forms an integral part of the conference and the contributions to the symposium will be published in the conference proceedings. We encourage all conference participants to take a part in the symposium, which is organised by Christian Klein-Boesing (CERN) and Boris Tomášik (Banská Bystrica).

The official opening of the Conference will be on Monday 25 June at 9:00 a.m. followed by the 8 half-days of plenary sessions. No parallel sessions nor the poster session are foreseen. The detailed programme (still preliminary, we expect some small changes) is available at the conference web page <http://www.saske.sk/SQM2007>. The conference aims at a lively, informal and friendly atmosphere with ample discussion time. All oral

presentations, including contributions to the symposium, will be included in the conference proceedings, published by Journal of Physics G: Nuclear and Particle Physics.

Accommodation and travel

Accommodation of participants will be in hotels SATEL, U LEVA, ARKÁDA, BARBAKAN and in guest-houses MIVA and PRI BRÁNE in Levoča. All hotels are at a walking distance from the venue of conference. Participants staying at the PRI BRÁNE guest house will have breakfasts at the SATEL hotel. The same is valid for supported students staying in modest but comfortable guest-houses Levotour and Šušnavský. All participants with local support will receive e-mail with information concerning accommodation.

As we already have announced, organizers will provide an assistance with arranging the transport of participants to Levoča from the Poprad-Tatry and Košice airports and from the Poprad-Tatry railway station. We ask all participants to send information on arrival and departure (date, exact time, flight/train number) to the organizers (sqm2007@saske.sk) as soon as possible, but not later than MONDAY 18 JUNE.

Registration

Registration of participants will be open Saturday 23 June from 16 to 21 p.m. at the reception of the SATEL hotel, and on Sunday 24 June from 8:30 a.m. near to the conference hall. Participants paying registration fee on arrival can pay cash in SKK or EUR. There will be a possibility to buy lunch tickets for the accompanying persons at registration, the price of lunch is 350 SKK (~11 EUR).

Social events

- Welcome reception – 24 June evening in historical rooms of the renaissance town hall preceded by a guided visit of St. James church with masterpiece of the late gothic carver Master Paul of Levoča – the highest gothic wooden altar in the world (height

18.62 m, finished in 1517) – free of charge for the accompanying person. The guided visit of church starts at 17:45 sharp, welcome reception at 18:30

- Excursion – 27 June afternoon, visiting Pieniny national park with The Red Monastery museum (14th century Cartesian monastery), rafting the 9 km long canyon of the Dunajec river, barbecue – included in the conference fee for participants, 35 EUR for the accompanying person
- Conference dinner – 28 June evening in the congress hall – included in the conference fee for participants, 35 EUR for the accompanying person.

A programme for accompanying persons is foreseen, organized by the SATEL travel agency. There are several possibilities, e.g. sightseeing of Levoča, visit of Spiš castle and surroundings, excursion to High Tatras,... We propose a meeting of interested people on Monday 25 June at 9:30 a.m. at the SATEL hotel reception for planning.

We look forward to meeting all of you at the Conference.

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